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1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF SIERRA
LEONE THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES SUGGESTED BY DEPT
REFTEL. WE HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT WE ARE NOT YET
PREPARED TO RESUME PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE BUT WE
ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT CURRENT PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE AND
MAY ENABLE US TO EVENTUALLY RESUME PARTICIPATION.

2. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC9 DISCUSSED WITH SIERRA
LEONE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WHICH THE EC9 WOULD LIKE TO
SEE TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS. THE
EC9 SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE LANGUAGE RELATING TO THE NGOS
SIMILAR TO THOSE PROPOSED BY THE US. THE EC9 ALSO
SUGGESTED REVISED LANGUAGE IN OP PARA 3(J) CONCERNING
"INVITATIONS TO OTHER INTERESTED COMMITTEES OF THE UN."

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THEY PREFER TO SEE A MORE EXPLICIT LISTING OF COMMITTEES
IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PALESTINE COMMITTEE IS NOT
INCLUDED. THE EC9 MADE NO REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT
TO THE LANGUAGE DISCUSSED IN PARA 4(B) REFTEL ON THE
GROUNDS THAT REFERENCE TO "RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS" IS
SUFFICIENTLY AMBIGUOUS TO ALLOW ALL PARTIES TO READ IN-
TO IT WHAT THEY WISH.

3. THE EC9 WHO ARE, ALONG WITH THE CANADIANS, THE ONLY MEMBERS OF THE WEOG WHO HAVE ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL WITH THE RESOLUTION, FEEL THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS IF SOME OF THEIR REQUESTED CHANGES ARE MADE. THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE ISRAELI REACTION AND ARGUE THAT THE RESOLUTION AS PHRASED TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE CRITICISMS VOICED BY AMB HERZOG IN HIS STATEMENT ON THE DECADE AND ALSO REITERATED IN THE LETTER WHICH HE CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WEOG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WHO HAD VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 3379(XXX) EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. THEY FEEL THEREFORE THAT THE MAJOR OBJECTIONS RAISED BY ISRAEL HAVE BEEN MET. SOME MEMBERS OF EC9 WILL HAVE TO GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON THE FINAL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION. THEY FEEL THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS BUT ARE NOT CERTAIN IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO CAST A "YES" VOTE IF A ROLL CALL VOTE WERE REQUESTED. THEY ARGUE THAT GOING ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS IS A WEAKENED FORM OF AGREEMENT AND THUS PREFER A CONSENSUS OVER A VOTE. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WOULD ALSO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A CONSENSUS SITUATION. WE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH THE CANADIANS TODAY BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE US SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY POSITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH A POSSIBLE CONSENSUS. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNAL TO THE AFRICANS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE AMOUNT OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN REMOVING THE ZIONISM ISSUE FROM THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE DECADE AND FROM THE CONFERENCE. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS WHICH MUST STILL BE OVERCOME BEFORE THE US CAN RETURN TO PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE, WE WOULD DEFEAT OUR OWN LONG-RANGE GOALS IF WE WERE TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO EMBARRASS THE AFRICANS AT THIS POINT. MISSION RECOMMENDS THEREFORE THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THESE RESOLUTIONS, WE SIMPLY STATE THAT WE ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE VOTE. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION, THE US SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION POINTING OUT THAT THE US HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTION TAKEN AND STATING IN A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER THAT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS REMAINING WITH RESPECT TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE. WE WOULD ALSO STATE OUR ENCOURAGEMENT AT THE PROGRESS MADE SO

FAR. MISSION IS NOW PREPARING A CONTINGENCY STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPT FOR COMMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. MISSION HAS JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF A THIRD RESOLUTION ON THE DECADE WHICH TIES IN THE 1977 ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR LAGOS WITH THE PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE. A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN DATAFAXED TO IO/HR, HEWITT. WE FIND THIS AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT FITS IN WITH PROPOSALS THE MISSION HAS DISCUSSED FOR CHANGING THE FOCUS OF THE DECADE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT COMMENT ON WHETHER THE CONTINGENCY STATEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THIS RESOLUTION.

6. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR OF SIERRA LEONE THE AFRICAN GROUP WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TEXT OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE TABLED LATE TONIGHT OR FRIDAY, MAY 6. IT IS MOST LIKELY THEREFORE THAT THE RESOLUTIONS WOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AND DISCUSSED IN PLENARY BEFORE MONDAY, MAY 9. LEONARD

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